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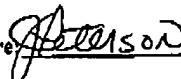
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

The following Amendment is in response to the final Office Action mailed on October 20, 2004. Accordingly, the Amendment is being filed with a Petition for a one month extension of time for responding to the Office Action. Based upon the amendments and remarks set forth below, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.